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1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND MADRID DEA SAIC TOFT, CURRENTLY IN LISBON ASSISTING PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES, JOINTLY PREPARED FOLLOWING.

2. ASSESSMENT OF PORTUGUESE DRUG PROBLEM IS HAMPERED BY COMPLETE LACK OF STATISTICS. HOWEVER, IT IS KNOWN THAT NARCOTIC AVAILABILITY AND USE HAVE GROWN SHARPLY SINCE APRIL 1974 REVOLUTION. MARIJUANA, HASHISH, LSD, ETC., ARE OPENLY AVAILABLE IN METROPOLITAN AREAS, EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOLS. SEVERAL PLACES FOR SMOKING OPIUM (PROBABLY SUPPLIED FROM MACAU) HAVE ALLEGEDLY OPENED RECENTLY IN LISBON.

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3. SOLDIERS RETURNING FROM FORMER COLONIES ADD TO MARIJUANA PROBLEM. A NUMBER OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES ALSO BROUGHT BACK SUPPLIES OF ANGOLAN MARIJUANA (LIAMBA), OFTEN AS THEIR SOLE LIQUID ASSET. ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, A SIZEABLE TRAFFIC HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE.

4. PORTUGAL CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A TRANSIT POINT FOR HEROIN, COCAINE, AND HASHISH DESTINED FOR U.S., ALTHOUGH RECENT TRAFFIC IS AFFECTED BY AVAILABILITY OF FRENCH HEROIN. POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE HEROIN TRAFFIC RESURGENCE ARGUES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF EFFECTIVE PORTUGUESE DRUG PROGRAM.

5. WITHOUT U.S. ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDED REFTELS A AND C, LOCAL AUTHORITIES UNLIKELY TO PREVENT PORTUGAL FROM BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT POINT IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC. PORTUGUESE NARCOTICS OFFICIALS ARE ALMOST COMPLETELY LACKING IN BASIC EXPERTISE. THIS DEFICIENCY IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN AREAS NEW TO PORTUGAL -- E.G., COMPLIANCE AND NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE. PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS QUITE LITERALLY DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO START TO FORM AN ORGANIZATION AND WRITE NEW COMPLIANCE-TYPE LAWS FOR DANGEROUS DRUGS. TIME CONSTRAINT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT; IF PROPOSALS ARE NOT MADE TO GOVERNMENT IN TIME TO BE APPROVED BEFORE ELECTIONS, DRUG PROBLEM MAY BE SIDETRACKED FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME WHILE NEW GOVERNMENT GETS ORGANIZED.

6. GIVEN THE ABOVE, WE STRONGLY URGE APPROVAL OF ORIENTATION TRAVEL OUTLINED PARA 5A REFTEL A FOR EARLY MARCH AT THE LATEST. RECOMMENDED ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS, WE ARE CERTAIN, WILL BE HIGHLY COST-EFFECTIVE IN FURTHERING U.S. INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL.
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